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Arlington, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- ☒ 1. PTO-1449 [1.97(b)] - (within 3 months or prior to first Office Action)
- ☐ 2. Certification [1.97(c)] - (before final Office Action or before Notice of Allowance)
- ☐ 3. Fee Payment [1.97(c)] - (before final Office Action or before Notice of Allowance)
- ☐ 4. Petition, Certification & Petition Fee Payment [1.97(d)] - (before issue fee payment)

The following are submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ 5. A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed.

This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ 6. 37 CFR §1.97(b) (within three (3) months of the application filing date or before a first Office Action on the merits).
- ☐ 7. 37 CFR §1.97(c) (before final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever is earlier); and
  - ☐ 8. The required certification made in Item 11 below, or
  - ☐ 9. The \$230.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in Item 14 below.
- ☐ 10. 37 CFR §1.97(d) (before payment of issue fee); and
  - a) This is a petition for consideration of the subject Information Disclosure Statement. The petition fee (\$130.00) required by 37 CFR §1.17(i) is authorized in Item 14 below.

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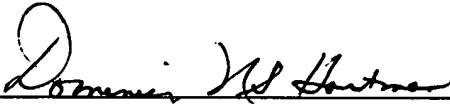
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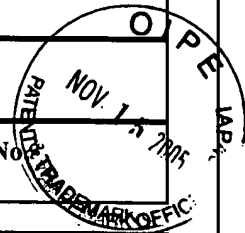
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